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In re the application of

K. Coffey et al.

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Serial No. 09/874,673

Examiner: A. Faber

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For: Thermally Assisted Magnetic Recording System and Method of Writing Using
Magnetic and Thermal Gradients

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 23, 2003, please note the following.

The Examiner has placed a restriction requirement on the submitted application. Specifically, the Examiner has requested a selection from the disk species illustrated in Fig. 3a, Figs. 4a and 4b, Fig. 6a, and Fig. 6b. Applicants elect Figs. 4a and 4b for a single disclosed species for prosecution. The Examiner has requested a listing of all claims readable on the elected species. The submitted claims 1-20 in the referenced application are drafted to the recording head, recording system, and method of use. The claims as submitted do not read directly on any of the specific disk embodiments as illustrated in Figs. 3a, 4a, 4b, 6a, and 6b. Claims 1-9 are directed to a recording

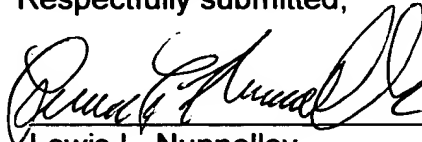
head. Claims 10-13 are directed to a recording system wherein a generic disk was included as a claim element. Claims 14-20 are directed to a method of writing data on a thermal spring magnetic disk as illustrated, for example, in Figs 4a and 4b.

Accordingly, claims 1-20, as submitted, read on the media illustrated in Figs. 4a and 4b.

U.S. patent application 09/874,100, entitled "Thermal Spring Magnetic Recording Media for Writing using Magnetic and Thermal Gradients", having related subject matter was filed on the same day as the above referenced application and is owned by a common assignee.

Informal drawings were submitted with the original application. The drawings will be sent to a draftsman and the formal drawings will be submitted along with a response to the first office action.

Respectfully submitted,



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Transmitted herewith in the above-identified application are:

- ☒ Response to Restriction Requirement
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☐ sheets of formal drawings
☐ Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application
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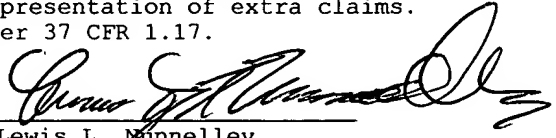
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